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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
From : Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
Acting Secretary of State

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1. Poland: Status of Responses to US Initiatives. Today's meeting of NATO's North Atlantic Council produced a consensus to hold a NATO Ministerial meeting, probably during the second week in January. French Foreign Minister Cheysson says he cannot attend on January 11 -- our preferred date -- and we will agree to hold the Ministerial on the 15th if the French are not able to reconsider making it on the 11th. There is also an emerging consensus to call for a special CSCE meeting on Poland, on the condition that the major European neutrals will also join in. The Swiss have agreed to support this initiative. On sanctions, the reaction remains mixed. Some Allies have pledged that they will not do anything which would undercut our measures, and support for concrete action may grow if the situation in Poland does not improve.

2. Poland: Implementation of Sanctions Against the USSR. The Department gave formal diplomatic notification to the Soviets on the new status of three areas hit by our sanctions: Maritime relations and negotiations; suspension of Aeroflot service; and termination of the Soviet purchasing commission. On maritime, AFL-CIO president Kirkland has told us that he and Gleason (Longshoremens' Union) would like to block all cargoes for the USSR, including grain. On Aeroflot, the CAB action required to process and issue the suspension order means that the last flight will be on January 3. On the Soviet purchasing commission, we have told the Soviets that the commission should close its doors by January 13 and have the Soviet personnel and families leave the country by January 20.

3. Coup in Ghana. A coup attempt is in progress in Ghana and the situation is fluid. The coup leader, former lieutenant Jerry Rawlings, continues to control the government radio and is broadcasting in the name of the "Provisional Military Council." The Council has closed the country's borders and imposed a curfew. All Americans are safe and there has been no violence against foreigners. (Rawlings previously led a successful coup in 1979, but yielded power to the present civilian government after a brief rule.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES W. NANCE

SUBJECT: Acting Secretary Stoessel's Evening Report

Attached is Walter Stoessel's Evening Report for December 31, 1981.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
James Baker
Michael Deaver

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